



## Leland Samuel Ricketts

October 29, 1938 - May 1, 2013

Leland Samuel Ricketts, age 74, of Coulterville went home to be with his Lord Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at Hospice of Chattanooga. He was born October 29, 1938 in Soddy, TN to the late Clarence and Maggie (Trantham) Ricketts. He was also preceded by his brothers, David Ricketts and Carl Ricketts and his sisters, Romaine Bowman and Glenda McGaha.

Sam was employed with Norfolk Southern Railway as a conductor, retiring in 1998 with 30 years of service. He was a member of Coulterville Baptist Church in Sale Creek. Sam loved the Lord and was devoted to his faith and his family.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Shirley (Capps) Ricketts of Sale Creek, two daughters, Debra (Fred) Howard of Sale Creek, and Donna Brown of Memphis, two sons, Tim (Terri) Ricketts of Maryville, and Tom (Betty Lowery) Ricketts of Asheville, NC, sister, Marlene (Charles) Qualls of Soddy, two brothers, Larry (Daisy) Ricketts of Houston, TX, and Ernie (Carol) Ricketts of Bakewell, six grandchildren, Deena (Chris) McBeath, Laura (Brendan) Gambrel, both of Somerset, KY, Jessica (Brian) Garner, Jennifer (Brian) Pressley, both of Asheville, NC, Samuel C. Howard, Kelly Kirkpatrick, both of Sale Creek, Caroline Bishop, and Kenny Dyer, both of Hixson, nine great-grandchildren, brother-in-law, Donnie (Theresa) Capps of Dayton, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Sam will be held Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Archie Poole and Rev. Bill Ewing officiating. He

will be laid to rest in Varner Cemetery in Soddy.

Please share your memories of Sam on his online guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN where they will receive friends Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Coulterville Baptist Church, Hospice of Chattanooga, or any charity of your choice.

The family extends a special thank you to the doctors and nurses of Hospice of Chattanooga for their kind and loving care during Sam's final days.

# Cemetery Details

## **Varner Cemetery**

Soddy Daisy,, TN 37379

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ daddy, it has been one year since you left us-one long sad year but you are with moma now-the sun is warm and you are happy at last. miss you so much debbie

debra howard - April 29, 2014 at 03:38 PM

PA

“ Shirley Ann and Family.

Sorry to hear about the passing of Sam.

Patty Shirley Adkins

patty - July 13, 2013 at 05:32 PM

WH

“ Debbie and all the family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a great man he was so kind and nice. I am happy to have met him. I will be praying for you all.  
Wendi

Wendi Hardy - May 30, 2013 at 10:29 PM

WH

“ Wendi Hardy lit a candle in memory of Leland Samuel Ricketts



Wendi Hardy - May 30, 2013 at 10:27 PM



“ Shirley, Debbie, Timmy, Tommy, and Little Bit  
Susan and I would like to express our sorrow for the loss of Sam.  
He was a good man that always was willing to take in my family. I  
saw him in 2001 when I visited dadys grave and saw Aunt pauline  
for the last time. Bless you all and our thoughts are with you.  
Jim (Mike) and Susan Shirley  
Omaha

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**Jim Shirley** - May 24, 2013 at 02:20 PM

DB

“ Daddy you take us the meaning of the word loyalty. You always kept  
your word. You showed us how important it is to take care of family  
and friends. I can't believe you are not here, but you will always be  
inside our hearts. You left us with so much love. I love you Daddy,  
Bit

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**donna brown** - May 06, 2013 at 08:15 PM

JH

“ debbie sorry to hear about your father. i'm sure he felt blessed to  
have a daughter like you.....jrh

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**john r higdon** - May 06, 2013 at 12:20 PM

JH

“ John R Higdon lit a candle in memory of  
Leland Samuel Ricketts



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**john r higdon** - May 06, 2013 at 12:13 PM

DE

“ *Denita lit a candle in memory of Leland Samuel Ricketts*



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**Denita** - May 05, 2013 at 10:13 PM

DE

*Words can't describe how unbelievable it is that you are gone, you were here taking care of everyone for so long... You left quite a legacy in your family and set a remarkable example for family and friends alike. I loved you and I miss you...Rest in peace...*

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**Denita** - May 05, 2013 at 10:23 PM

CO

“ *Connie lit a candle in memory of Leland Samuel Ricketts*



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**Connie** - May 04, 2013 at 08:58 AM

PH

“ *I have a lot of very good memories of our family get togethers. I am gonna miss you Uncle Sam. Love you. Pam Qualls Harris*

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**Pam Harris** - May 03, 2013 at 08:08 PM

PH

“ Sam, I never got to personally meet you, but we have mutual family members whom I dearly love. Through them, I learned what a good, kind, Christian man you were, Rest in peace, my never-known friend. We shall all meet, someday, on that peaceful shore.  
~ Pat Howard ~



Patricia Howard - May 03, 2013 at 06:48 AM

DE

“ daddy, the years went by so quickly-we all grew up and moved on to our adult lives-we always knew you were there, to encourage us and to support us. there is an empty seat at the table now that no one else can fill-i know you have your mansion now and i believe that yours is on a beach. goodbye for now, daddy deb

debra - May 02, 2013 at 08:43 PM

DE

“ Debra sent a virtual gift in memory of Leland Samuel Ricketts



debra - May 02, 2013 at 08:38 PM

DE

“ Debra lit a candle in memory of Leland Samuel Ricketts



debra - May 02, 2013 at 08:37 PM